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KEY TO CALENDAR & OTHER IMPEDIMENTA

ESTROGEN ZONE = Ladies Auxiliary Sewing and Fallout Society
 BoD = Board of Directors - 11 am
 2nd Sunday = Board and other gaming - 2 pm
 Cinema Anime = Japanimation, time after Tom Safer Cartoons
 CFO = Cartoon Fantasy Organisation
 Work Party = Varies with what needs doing
 FWEMS = Fourth Sunday Movies - 2 pm
 TIME MEDDLERS = Dr. Who club
 Tom Safer Cartoons = 10 am

THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

APRIL 4 - Discussion and first vote regarding changes to Standing Rules regarding club dues
APRIL 11 - Second vote on changes to Standing Rules. // Guest Speaker: Author Steven Paul Leiva
APRIL 18 - **BIG** Auction
APRIL 25 - LASFS Limber-up Work Out

Updated programme information can be found at this web site:
http://www.lasfsinc.info///index.php?option=com_events&Itemid=185

CALENDAR DETAILS

BoD - 11:00 am, Open House starts at 2:00 pm
 Cinema Anime - 1:00 pm until it ends
 CFO - 1 pm to 8 pm
 Work Party - 10:30 am
 TIME MEDDLERS - 10:30 am
 ESTROGEN ZONE - 2:00 pm
 Marketing Committee - 7:30 pm
 FWEMS -



DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

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De Profundis 482– April 2013. Publisher and Editor: **Marty Cantor**.

De Profundis is the unofficial newsletter of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society (6012 Tyrone Ave., Van Nuys, CA, USA). The LASFS' telephone number is: (818) 904-9544. The club's web site is: www.lasfs.org. *De Profundis* is available only from Marty Cantor for his cost of producing the zines: 55¢ in person, \$1.00 by domestic mail. Out of country rates quoted upon request but it is recommended that copies be downloaded - or at least read - from the *DE PROF* web site.

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I want any news of interest to LASFS members (no poetry or fiction). Send items to the LASFS address c/o *De Profundis* or leave them in the *De Profundis* mailbox at the clubhouse. The editor, Marty Cantor, can be reached at his edress: [martyhoohah \(at\) sbglobal \(dot\) net](mailto:martyhoohah@sbglobal.net) or at the clubhouse on Thursday evenings. Deadlines are a bit fluid, but mid-month Thursdays are probably it.

If anybody who receives *DE PROF* via the mail happens to move without letting me know the new address; well, I have more important things to do than to be chasing down addresses so I will stop sending zines to you even if you have given me money to do so.

I will accept no advertising in *De Profundis* but I will always try to find room to announce upcoming events of interest to LASFS members.

Even though *De Profundis* is no longer the official newsletter of the LASFS, I intend to run the zine as if it still belonged to the club. Mostly. Due to space limitations, priority is always given to content mandated in the LASFS by-laws and by any applicable traditions. Also, after that stuff, by what the editor wants to do.

Written in Publisher 2000 on a new custom-modified Intel quad-core computer (using the XP Pro operating system) and printed on an HP 4700dn colour laser printer.

Statements herein are those of the speaker/writer and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the club. *Interjections in italics are solely the responsibility of the smartass, er, editor. Any resemblances 'twixt smartassery and responsibility are purely coincidental.*

Addendum: At the LASFS' Board of Directors meeting of February 8, 2009, the Directors accepted the proposal by Marty Cantor to take over *De Profundis* as his own fanzine, or as one of them, and he will be assuming the entire cost of production. Marty Cantor has promised to use his 5+ years experience of running *De Prof* as a guide to pubbing the zine as the *unofficial* newsletter of the society. The proposal was put to the Board because the Board had previously indicated that costs were dictating the discontinuance of the zine. As of this issue, *De Prof* will be available on paper solely at cost: currently 55¢. Mailed copies, domestically, will be \$1.00. Subscriptions will be accepted; however, as prices are set at cost of production, there will be no discounts for long-term subs.

Marty Cantor, 11825 Gilmore Street #105, North Hollywood, CA 91606, USA. (818) 761-9401. [martyhoohah \(at\) sbglobal \(dot\) net](mailto:martyhoohah@sbglobal.net). February 2013. Hoo Hah Publication Number 1727. Thanks go to Elayne Pelz, Arlene Satin, Charlie Jackson, Liz Carlie, Lee and Barry Gold, and any others who are helping me in providing news to LASFS members.

LASFS OFFICERS

Elected Procedural Officers January - June, 2013

President: Matthew B. Tepper. **Vice-President:** Marcia Minsky & Eylat Poliner (tag team). **Scribe:** Karl Lembke. **Treasurer:** (elected in mid-year, serves for full year) Elayne Pelz. **Registrar:** Michelle Pincus.

Board of Directors

Chairman: Karl Lembke (2015). **Vice-Chairman:** Christian McGuire (2014).. **Comptroller:** Michelle Pincus (2013). **Secretary:** Marty Cantor (2015). **Other members:** Marcia Minsky (2015), Warren "Whiskey" Johnson (2015) Elayne Pelz (2014), Rob "Gizmo" Powell (2014), Arlene Satin (2013), Mike Thorsen (2013), Eylat Poliner (2014).. **Special Advisor:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Advisors:** Forrest J Ackerman, Walt Daugherty, Len & June Moffatt, and Fred Patten.

Official Committees

De Profundis Editor, Speaker to Gestetner, LASFAPA/APA-L Liaison: Marty Cantor. **Librarian:** Whiskey. **Assistant Librarians:** Elayne Pelz, Darnell Coleman. **Committee to Gouge Money from the LASFS:** Christian McGuire. **Eulogist, Public Relations, Video Collection Curator, Film Coord. Committee, & Party Rabbi:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Assistant Video Curator:** Tom Khamis. **Asian Affairs Desk:** Brett Achorn. **Key Control:** Elayne Pelz, Christian McGuire. **Webmaster - <<http://www.lasfs.org>>:** Barry Gold. **Webmaster Assistant:** Lee Gold. **Sysadmin:** Chaz Baden. **Committee for Children's Literature:** Anne Morrel, **Editor, Computers & LASFS Archivist:** Christian McGuire. **LASFS Historian:** Fred Patten. **Westercon Liaison:** Christian McGuire. **Program:** Arlene Satin. **Hall Decoration:** C.B. McGuire, Charles Lee Jackson II. **Cat Liaison:** Don Wenner.

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Sergeant-at-Arms In Perpetuity: Roy Tackett. **Windmill-at-Arms:** Kees van Toorn. **Samurai-at-Arms:** Takumi Shibano. **Librarian-at-Arms:** Heather Stern.

If there is an X in this space, your sub has run out ____

CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE
(complete minutes are supposed to be filed in the LASFS' files and can be read there - also at www.lasfs.org)

Meeting 3931, December 13, 2012
President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding
Elizabeth Carlie, Scribe

The **Minutes** are read, and named "Pre-Penultimate Minutes" by Christian McGuire, aka "Auctioneer," for \$3.00.

PASSAGES: Thankfully, only one has left us this week: British astronomer Sir Patrick Moore, who passed at the age of 89.

MOMENT OF SCIENCE: Bill Green stepped in to inform us all of the discovery of a new comet, which has been nicknamed ISON. It's far enough from the sun that it should be one of the great comets, and bright enough to be seen at our next LOSCON.

Entering orbit on Tuesday was the Air Force's secretive X-37B. This robotic space plane had earlier spent 224 days in space while a sister X-37B orbited for over a year! As usual, no word on the mission, the payload, or when it's expected to land. Maybe it can bring back that North Korean satellite as a souvenir...

Charlie mentioned that we know that on 2/15, a space rock named 2012DA14 will pass 2/3 of the way through the Clark orbit. It's only 50 meters in diameter, and while it will pass into our orbit, it's no big deal. Rest easy, gentle citizens: Bruce Willis isn't going into orbit any time soon!

Before we proceed, President Tepper presented some announcements on behalf of the Board of Directors!

First, we're heading into the heating time of year, mind the bill! Don't turn the thermostat over 68 degrees. Still cold? Wear a sweater. Furthermore, the Board is in the process of developing rules for the kitchen in an official and binding capacity. The long and short of it? If you bring something and store it in the fridge, label your stuff, don't take what isn't yours, and remember that the fridge is for same day use only. Overnight stays are either a donation or trash.

And with that, Marty Cantor explained the nature of tomorrow evening's GIFT EXCHANGE. In brief: it's a long standing tradition started in the mid Seventies. Simply, you bring a fannish gift (no less than \$10 value), wrapped, and bring it to the exchange. It gets put on a table, and you receive a number. Numbers are then drawn at random, and you pick a gift at your turn. Open it, show it off...don't like it? You force trade for a gift you like. The whole thing can go back and forth, and it's a lot of fun. There are smaller traditions within the Gift Exchange, such as the Chocolate Covered Manhole Cover. A video will be shown later to explain the process in further detail. (*And, for the fourth or fifth time, ye editor is hosting the Chocolate Covered Manhole Cover.* ed.)

And remember, kids, Scratch is here to remind you that THE PURPOSE OF GIFT EXCHANGE IS TO HAVE FUN!

REGISTRAR:

LAST 2ND SUNDAY: Richard Davis: joined the club when he found the LASFS on Google, realized the club was close, and had a HUGE library! Likes epics (such as Fire Upon the Deep) and weird stuff like Radio Free Albenath! Maintains his identity as an attorney's assistant!

TODAY: Cindy Soto: her boyfriend has attended, and invited her. Maintains her identity as a student. // Thos Lesser: a longtime friend told him about the group, loves all science fiction since the Fifties, and is RETIRED from the mundane world. // Marilyn Lesser: a longtime friend told her about the group, likes fantasy, literary fan, maintains her identity as a registered nurse!

PATRON SAINT FRED PATTEN: Hare Hobbs says that, according to his Aunt Betty, Fred corrupted

him. She was head of the cell department at Filmaton, and Fred was the #1 person responsible for anime in LASFS. SHE HATED ANIME ANIMATORS. // Marty Cantor said that Fred's been a member for a very long time. In APA-L, now at #2471, save for an 11 week hiatus, it's been out every week without fail since 1964 Fred started his participation with issue #1, and even after his stroke he kept going, up through #2280. There were a couple of fractionals put out solely so Fred couldn't contribute, but he found out and did. He shows up now and again. He's a nice guy, and relentless: even wheelchairbound, he's written BOOKS. (*More amazing, the right-handed Fred has been writing his books typing with his left hand on his computer.*)

Milt observed that, after his stroke, he donated his whole collection of science fiction stuff to UC Riverside: any and all things, 900 file boxes in all. If you go in, there's a double life size picture of Fred in a wheelchair. They now have one of the largest collections in the world thanks to him. // Joe Zeff then stepped in to clarify Hare's earlier point: Fred was very largely responsible for Japanese anime becoming **popular** IN THIS COUNTRY. // CLJII added that, before anime, Fred was into comics & related materials. He was fond of luchador stuff like El Santo, French stuff like TinTin, Smurfs, etc. Charlie has an item he purchased from Fred a while back, a black Smurf (correctly known as Schtroumpfs), on a shelf by his door. Fred was an early member of CAPA ALPHA, an APA for comics fans. When CLJII joined, he started a comic strip, where he, Fred, & others had adventures, which has kept his membership intact.

Dr. Pournelle stated that he loves Fred, though he did publish the worst review ever of THE MOTE IN GOD'S EYE. Fred started a science fiction review magazine, and exercised sad judgment in selecting an editor, who named the magazine after himself & published said BAD REVIEW. He was also the editor of a recent collection of furry stories, which was very good! It's definitely worth your time. // President Tepper added that he's glad Fred's been here so many years, and introduced us to so many things, like anime.

Patron Saint Fred Patten received Three Cheers and a Manga.

OLD BUSINESS: After the explication by CLJII, nominations reconvened for the office of President. The existing nominees are: Matthew B. Tepper and Scott Beckstead. There were no new nominees; and, as a result of the election, Matthew B. Tepper was elected President.

Nominees for the office of Vice President were: a tag team of Marcia Minsky and Eylat Poliner. With no further nominees, the tag team of Marcia Minsky and Eylat Poliner were declared elected.

The Registrar temporarily interrupted the proceedings to introduce another guest, Brian Gould: brought by Tad Daley, who is visiting because of curiosity. Enjoys contemporary stuff, is a literary fan and a writer. Maintains his identity as a chemistry lab manager. Long distance member Tad Daley followed with a short announcement: he's happy to see his compatriots for the first time in four years, having moved away previously and returned to LA for a visit.

The next office up for election was that of Scribe.

SCRIBE. The nominees were Karl Lembke and Joe Zeff. After several other members declined, including the incumbent (fear not, the Mighty Pen SHALL return!) and a vehement decline from Scott Beckstead, nominations were closed. The winner was Karl Lembke.

The last office up for election was that of Registrar: the nominees were Michelle Pincus, Darnell Coleman, Ed Hooper, and Ben Levin. The winner was Michelle Pincus.

REVIEWS: Ben Levin announced a future review of a new series of books he's reading, based on the DOOM game. There's more story to them, and they've been written by members of the club.

FANNISH COMMITTEE REPORTS: Member Health Updates! None as of yet for Arlene, but Jim Daniel, who suffered a heart attack at LOSCON, is now out of the hospital, says Bill Ellern. He's dependent on others for transportation, contact if you think you can help him out. // George added to the report: Mara Brenner, widow of Harry Brenner, has been in the hospital since 9/9. She's been moved around, but ended up in Covina, and would appreciate a visit! She's suffering from a neurological problem, and is in for complications with breathing and eating as she can't hold her head up. Barry Gold is also ill with diverticulitis, and all wish him a speedy recovery against this medically-contrived villain!

Tad added a somber note with the announcement that Geri Howard, a big woman who came to every LOSCON, passed away about 10 months ago. She was feisty, and would often sit in the Con Suite & tell tales. // And Frank announces yet another hospital visit! He went in for a pinched nerve in his shoulder, and left with a bowel infection. // CLJII has lost 29 lbs! A victory in the name of better health!

Mike Workman finished with a review of his trip with Mike Donahue to see the Rotary Rocket. It's out by Edward's Air Force Base, and one of the strangest rockets out there.

There was a motion to adjourn from Milt Stevens - it

passed.

Meeting 3932, December 20, 2012
President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding
Elizabeth Carlie, Scribe

Member Mike Workman purchased the right to name the minutes, A NIGHT OF THE LIVING MINUTES, for \$6.00.

Now tonight's meeting is AGENDA SUPER WEIRD.

Under **PASSAGES**, a solemn right taking place weekly, member Marty Cantor informed all that a fan in Des Moines passed away due to a heart attack, one Bob Harper. He will be missed.

The LASFS then enjoyed the educational song stylings of Mr. Tim Griffin! The concert was a hit, with tunes ranging from great kid's educational songs to exceptional Star Trek filk!

PATRON SAINT STEVE MCGINTY: President Tepper remarked that Steve is a member of the club who has shown up more recently, but not at this clubhouse. Dr. Pournelle added that Steve, clearly, gave us money, while Milt added that Steve came in with the Granada Hill-ians. Gavin threw in that Steve hung out in the library a lot while the scribe, Liz Carlie, concluded that any friend of the LASFS clearly has good taste.

Steve McGinty received Three Cheers and a correct pronunciation of his last name.

PATRON SAINT HEIDE NICHOLS: Debra Levin began by saying Heide is one of the nicest people she knows, friendly & a good game-player. Scott Beckstead went on to say that she took over gaming at LOSCON, and has been trying to get gaming back on it's feet since it got dropped. He's a big fan of hers.

Marcia went on, saying that she has known Heide a while, and enjoys her company when she comes to the club. She also has great taste in graduation presents: Heide gave her a great mahjong set. Mike Thorsen concluded by explaining that, a little while ago, she worked hard to find a PC way to reword the Golden Rule so we can post it as our code of conduct.

Heide received Three Cheers and a copper yardstick.

The **Registrar** came forward next, announcing that while there are no guests, Tim & Paul Turner are present!

COMMITTEE REPORTS: But first? An inquiry from CLJII about the back cover of APA-L: it says there will be a party here on Saturday to celebrate the world not ending. Now this may be a common practice among the Hekawi tribe, who believe the world ends

every eighteen days and are nearly extinct due to their predisposition towards looting and pillaging when the end is nigh, but such was not the case here: Michelle Pincus confirmed this was merely Heide's birthday party, which she was also opening to those who wanted to celebrate the world not ending.

HEALTH REPORTS: BARRY GOLD: recovering from diverticulitis, awaiting test results

ARLENE BUSBY: home, recovering from the same, plus a perforated colon. Jim is taking care of her, they miss us and hope to be here soon.

JIM DANIEL: home resting comfortably.

MOMENT OF SCIENCE: This was delivered by Liz Carlie on behalf of David Okamura. Ebb and Flow are no more. The twin satellites completed the year long GRAIL mission by plunging into the Moon on Monday. GRAIL (Gravity Recovery And Interior Laboratory) recorded the surface features, composition, & internal structure of the lunar crust by measuring tiny variations in the Moon's gravity. This was accomplished by two orbiters flying in precision formation only 35 miles above the lunar surface. The result was a detailed map of the Moon and a better understanding of the massive bombardment of asteroids & comets that have literally pulverized its crust over the eons. Now, Ebb & Flow have created their own impact craters, their crash site on the side of a mountain at the lunar North Pole officially named in honor of the late Dr. Sally Ride, the first American woman in space. Ride's company developed an instrument on both satellites that allowed middle school students to examine photos taken by Ebb and Flow. CLJII added that Ebb & Flow may have mapped the Moon, but then crashed & changed the data.

Dr. Pournelle commented, in the interest of selling more copies of LEGACY OF HERA, that NASA has discovered an Earth sized planet in Tao Ceti. It's in the same location from their AVALON novel, so they got that right!

A motion to adjourn was made and passed.

Meeting 3933, December 27, 2012
President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding
Karl Lembke, Emergency Back-up Scribe

THE LAST MINUTES AND TESTAMENT OF FORMER SCRIBE LIZ CARLIE, as read by current Scribe Karl Lembke: I, Elizabeth Carlie, being of sound body and mind...

...I'll wait until you're all done laughing.

Okay, where was I? Right! I do hereby bequeath unto the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society the Minutes

of meeting #3933. Tom Safer paid \$7.00 to name the previous week's minutes IT'S BEYOND BELIEF! From there, we moved on to **PASSAGES**.

And though these final minutes may be silly and otherwise totally uncalled for, the activity of the Grim Reaper this week has been nothing to laugh at.

- Elayne's father, Paul Ian Paulski

Next came SAINTS. Oh, those wacky donors of good nature and gentle soul. What in the world were they thinking, to let a bunch of fans tell stories about their hijinx?...

PATRON SAINT ROBBIE BOURGET: Scratch noted that she had the ability to draw money out of people with a stare. She always knew if you paid or not, and developed the Robbie/Cantor bid at auctions of \$20.00. Hare Hobbs added a story from a San Francisco WORLDCON, where she walked out of hotel and was nearly mugged...would have been, had SHE not attacked the mugger. She did the most damage, forced the perpetrator back into the hotel, and was calling police when the hotel chased them away. Suffice to say: she got pissed.

And yours truly, the Scribe, one Liz Carlie...I don't know her personally, but she founded the DOCTOR WHO convention, GALLIFREY ONE, and through Gally I came here via Time Meddlers. For the bad jokes, the crafting, the Tony Stark obsession, and these, my ridiculous minutes...BLAME HER. Eric Hoffman said that Robbie exudes an aura of quiet menace. This aura earned her the nickname of THE WOLVERINE. She's the only person he knows who could silence a room full of fans. She doesn't like the spotlight, and was trying to get away at a Gally one time when Shaun Lyon stopped her. The ensuing fooforaw was legendary.

Tom Safer added that Robbie is very aware of things. To the point, he was running programs at CHICON, and she alerted him he had to tell the higher powers that he did, in fact, have a license to run certain shows. Frank noted that, before Michelle, she kept him in line. Eylat noted Robbie's exceptional ability to get things done by citing a recent situation involving some unpleasantness in a con hospitality suite. Quite simply: Eylat asked her to tell said unpleasant person to get out, Robbie smiled & said "be my pleasure." Walks in, person looks at her ...and LEAVES.

Marty, who was married to Robbie for a time, said that she's not at all like what you think. At school in Canada, she got great pleasure in being a hockey goalie. Suffice it to say, the aforementioned mugger in

San Francisco didn't stand a chance. Marty met her at the '82 Chicago WORLDCON, and it was love at first sight. She now lives in England, and comes out about 3 times a year. She's a gentle soul, and was a wonderful wife...and a media fan, but he does not hold that against her. She also co-edited *HOLIER THAN THOU*, which was on the short list for best fanzine Hugo in 84, 85, & 86. She has wider interests than he does, and differing tastes in music. She liked hard rock, he liked classical. (*Actually, I like hard rock, classical, folk, and traditional jazz, but Robbie liked only rock so my music listening was rather limited.*—ed.)

Robbie received three Cheers and Happiness Forever, plus a giant tardis.

PATRON SAINT MARTY CANTOR: Mike Thorsen said, of Marty's service on the board of directors, that Marty is his Richard Henry Lee: if he cannot make it understood, Marty says it and everyone gets it. Hare Hobbs said that, it dawned on him at the last Gift Exchange: Hare always did weird gifts, but Marty complained about the lack of books, thus motivating Hare to start gifting cheap books instead.

Debra says that Marty is nicer than he likes to pretend. He's a good game player, she enjoys playing games with him, and he has a nice smile. Eylat then corrected that assertion: Marty is, in fact, a pain in the ass. He has, however, given the club lots of money, and you can reason with him...sometimes. Don't discuss politics with him, however, he's very opinionated. But, he does lots for the club, and truly does care about it. She is thankful for all he does.

Karl Lembke, our Scribe To Be, added that Marty has given lots to the club, enough to earn title of Heavenly Curmudgeon. He's a pleasure to work with, and one of the few people that his adopted nephew likes. (*Oh, dear me - what did I do wrong to gain his approval?* - ed.) Peter thanked Marty for all the LASFS Thanksgiving meetings, and yours truly, Liz, added that it's always wonderful to meet a fellow Grammar Nazi. He's always first to greet me when I walk in the door, and is a very nice guy, so SHUT UP, MARTY!

CLJII added that Cantor is a cranky, curmudgeonly smartass who treats fanzines like Scrooge looks at gold. President Tepper threw in that Marty believes in the printed word, has great taste in music, and he's glad to be irritated by this cosmic pain in the ass. (*Thank you, Matthew - you understand.* ed.)

Marty received Three Cheers and a pain in the ass.

PATRON SAINT ELAYNE PELZ: Eylat began by saying that, professionally, Elayne is her favorite person to work with in science fiction. club, and conventions, etc. She responds, returns calls, and will do any-

thing. She answers all of Eylat's questions, and will always put her right on track. She's very thorough, and a pleasure to work with. Hare said that we need to make up an award to thank her for getting us this clubhouse. Mike Donahue & she did all the work, and now we have room for so much.

The Scribe added that Elayne is a nice lady, and gets mad props for being treasurer...in the Book of Liz, anyone who can deal with numbers gets all the respect. CLJII said that she's done a lot of work for this club, in previous buildings & treasury, along with her late husband & Robbie. She keeps the books properly uncooked and ready to be seen by government agencies. Without her, we got into trouble and she got us right back out of it.

Scratch added that we like her. President Tepper concluded that he's known her for more than 40 years, seen how she's grown with the club, and thinks she has become a cornerstone.

Elayne received Three Cheers and a Spryngbok.

The **REGISTRAR** announced we have guests.

FROM SATURDAY: John P Reidy: heard about us online, encouraged to visit by the prospect of meeting other science fiction aficionados. He likes vintage apocalyptic horror, is a literature fan, and enjoys all things nautical and maritime. Occupation: call center operator.

TONIGHT: Steve Dong: spouse encouraged him to visit, occupation: tech editor. He's a lit fan, and an aspiring writer.

Katherine Dong: learned about us via internet, loves science fiction. She's a lit fan, aspiring writer, and her occupation? She does things at home.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Mike Thorsen announced that TRIPE (TEMPORAL RETREIVAL OF INFORMATION PROGRAMMING & ENTERTAINMENT) has disbanded, leaving the first Saturday of every odd month free to anyone with an interest in utilizing the clubhouse.

MOMENT OF SCIENCE: by David Okamura. Three astronauts from Russia, Canada, and the United States arrived at the International Space Station via a Soyuz capsule last week, effectively doubling the station's population. After enjoying Christmas in orbit, the newcomers will conduct experiments and station maintenance for the next six months.

At a much lower altitude, Virgin Galactic's Spaceship Two has begun gliding tests with engine, fuel tank and heat shielding installed. At least two more gliding tests are expected before the first powered test flight in early Spring 2013.

Dr. Pournelle added a science comment, and something to think about: his son, Richard, is the VP of a company that does something unusual: when NASA or the Russians send something up to the Space Station, there is always a certain capacity they didn't allocate, space unaccounted for. Richard's company buys that & resells it to experimental groups, like high schools who have grants to do space experiments.

And with a motion to adjourn and a reminder to clean up, thus ended the last of the meetings recorded by yours truly.

**Board of Directors Meeting
February 10, 2013
Karl Lembke, Chairman
Marty Cantor, Secretary**

Board Members in attendance: Karl Lembke, Mike Thorsen, Michelle Pincus, Marcia Minsky, Rob Powell, Marty Cantor, Christian McGuire, Eylat Poliner, Elayne Pelz, and Warren "Whisky" Johnson. Arlene Satin had an excused absence.

Members and Guests: Greg Bilan, Michael Pell, Joyce Sperling, Matthew B. Tepper, Robbie Bourget, John Harrold, Lee Gold, Barry Gold, Frank Waller, Joe Zeff, June Moffatt, Barbara Harmon, Scott Beckstead, Cathy Beckstead, Jeni Burr, Tim Trzepacz, Gavin Claypool, MaryAnn Canfield, Tony Benoun, Sherry Benoun, David Okamura, Tom Safer.

Called to order: The meeting was called to order at 11:04 am.

Chairman (Karl Lembke): The Chairman welcomed us to the Board meeting of February.

Minutes: The minutes of the Meeting of December 9, 2012, were accepted as presented.

New Members: There was an application for membership in the Society presented to the Board: Paige Willey. She was accepted with one abstention.

Treasurer: We are in better shape than last month because LOSCON turned almost \$10,000, Anime gave us, \$2000 and a Money Fairy has been leaving \$100 bills in the collection jar. Elayne knows who the Money Fairy is but he wishes to remain anonymous. We have money in the treasury (which is where I like to keep it). We should not talk about doing anything to the clubhouse until we have morfe money in the treasury. Galley will be kicking in their \$2,000 after the convention.

(Contact the treasurer for details.)

30 Second Reports:

Chairman (Karl Lembke): No report.

Vice Chairman (Christian McGuire): \$9,780 was the exact amount turned over to the club by LOSCON 39.

Secretary (Marty Cantor): No report.

Publications (Marty Cantor): No report.

Comptroller (Michelle Pincus): No report.

Quartermaster/Supplies (Mike Thorsen): Soda units sold: 25,010 units to date, 273 units this period. Soda money: \$19,727.25 to date, \$291.00 for this period. Purchased paper towels and a few other sundries.

Library (Warren "Whisky" Johnson): We have books – please check them out. We are running out of space.

Archives (Marcia Minsky): No report.

Physical Plant (Elayne Pelz): Nothing new except mailbox detaching itself from the building – it needs some anchor bolts. Thorsen said he will get some anchor bolts but he needs somebody to open the mailbox with its key so that he can access its inside.

AV Equipment (Rob Powell): No Report.

Events (Eylat Poliner): Report on Grilled Cheese Throwdown. Six participants: There were some issues with GC Throwdown. One of the contestants was not following the rules all the way and was grilling cheese directly on a griddle. Because of this there was a lot of smoke in the room. Eylat opened up the doors to let out the smoke. A fan used to help evacuate the smoke. Joe Zeff got sick. (Eylat apologized to Joe Zeff.) In future, then, cooking events should be held on days without other club happenings. // LOSCON 39 turned over money, LOSCON 40 Artist GoH: Sarah Clemens, Writer GoH: Cathrynne M. Valente, FGoH: Michael Donahue, Editor GoH: Betsy Mitchell. LOSCONS of the Future: still talking to the hotel about 2014 - 2018. // Mah Jongg Tournament is still happening – April 6 & 7. The Chili Cook-Off is Sunday, June 9.

Fund-raising and Recruitment (Arlene

LAFAs
(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, March 16, 2012
Filk: 7 PM to ???
Terry Brussel, host
8515 Penfield Ave., Winnetka, CA 91306
818/886-0069
(hit # as soon as you hear a voice, to skip the answering machine messages)

Directions: Thomas Guide LA Co, page 530 E1

Filk style: moderated chaos

Notes:

1. Crash space available at the filksite--call in advance for arrangements.
2. There is a Feline Warning. The hosts will try to keep him them out of the filk room.
3. Bring healthy munchies, juices etc.
4. **No smoking -- period!!** (Except allowed outside.)
5. Bring all of your usual filk stuff.
6. There is a hot tub.
7. The filk site is air conditioned.

LAFAs info: Barry & Lee Gold:
(310) 306-7456

Satin): Michelle reported about contacts with West Hollywood Book Faire but they have not replied to her e-mails.

(Significant Others)

Marketing Committee (Arlene Satin): No report.

Club President (Matthew B. Tepper): Nothing much worth noting but I have been apprising the members of the upcoming LOSCON 41 vote.

WEB MASTER (Barry Gold): Nothing much to report. Lee mentioned they will be going away from Feb. 27 to March 6.

Agenda Items:

LOSCON 41 bids: Scott Beckstead presented a bid for LOSCON 41. (Chairman: Scott Beckstead. Hotel: Christian McGuire, Kim Marks Brown, and Jason Justice. Treasurer: Elayne Pelz. The bid had its requisite Weapons Policy in writing and met all of the requisite criteria for a LOSCON bid. This bid was moved, seconded, and passed and was sent to the next Thursday meeting of the Society for approval as it was qualified. There were no other bids.

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Change to standing rules. There was a proposal to raise the dues and to do this the Standing Rules had to be changed. The changes were moved, seconded, and passed and will be brought up in April, 4 and 11 at Thursday meetings. Passed with one abstention. The lifetime dues will need a By-Laws change so are not being changed at this time. People who have started their lifetime dues by July 1 of this year will have to the end of the year to finish paying for this. Nothing we are proposing will change the status of those who have already paid their lifetime dues.

- Here are the proposed changes:
- That the LASFS amend Standing Rule #1 to raise the weekly dues to \$4.00 from \$3.00.
 - That the LASFS amend Standing Rule #2 to raise the monthly dues to \$12.00 from \$10.00.
 - That the LASFS amend Standing Rule #3 to raise the yearly dues to \$135.00 from \$110.00.
 - That we remove Standing Rules #s 4, 5, and 6 to remove all mentions of VAMF (Voluntary Active Membership Fee) and lifetime dues.
 - That these changes start on July 1, 2013.

Problem at cooking events – Joe Zeff: Joe pre-

sented his problems with the after-effects of the Grilled Cheese Throwdown and possible problems with similar events. There was a wide-ranging discussion based on what Joe brought up. The information he gave us was tabled until an actual motion was presented to us. This was moved, seconded and was passed with two abstentions.

Library expansion – Jeni Burr. Jeni wanted the Board’s opinion on expansion as the Library is getting crowded. A committee was formed to study the situation. Jeni Burr, Rob Powell, Warren Johnson, Christian McGuire, Michelle Pincus, Elayne Pelz, and Tim Trzepacz were appointed as a committee to study this.

Open Forum:

The next meeting of the Board will be March 10.

Take-Aways:

Library committee.

Standing rules change: Elayne.

Joe Zeff writing the Environmental Impact Study.

Christian and Karl are addressing the Oasis letter.

Thorsen is looking into getting the bolts for the mailbox.

Taken Away from previous meetings:

Adjournment: The Board adjourned its meeting at 12:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marty Cantor, Board Secretary

MAH JONGG

Please join us for the MAH JONGG tournament
April 6 & 7
at the LASFS Clubhouse.
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CHILI COOK-OFF
on June 9, 2013
along with the regular Second Sunday
programming
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Serve time: 5:00 pm
Judges will be served first

This is an “anything goes” Chili Cook-Off
There will be NO separate categories

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